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SUBJECT: NIGERIA-EQUATORIAL GUINEA RELATIONS: HEAT RISES AGAIN

1. REB. 9 "DAILY TIMES" HEADLINES THAT NUMEROUS EQUATORIAL GUINEA
(EG) NATIONALS ARE FLEEING TO NIGERIA, CAMEROON AND GABON BECAUSE

OF POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC HARDSHIPS IN THEIR HOMELAND.
SEVERAL HUNDRED SUCH REFUGEES REPORTEDLY ARRIVED IN CALABAR THIS
PAST WEEKEND, INCULDING FOUR "PROMINENT POLITICIANS" (UNNAMED).
ESCAPEES ARE UNDERSTOOD TO BE PRIMARILY BUBI TRIBESMEN FROM FERNANDO
PO. REFUGEES IN CALABAR ARE CLAIMING THAT HUNDREDS OF THEIR FELLOW
COUNTRYMEN AND NIGERIANS REMAIN IN EQUATORIAL GUINEAN JAILS ON
TRUMPED UP CHARGES OF PLOTTING OVERTHROW NGUEMA REGIME.

2. COMMENT FOCUS OF LOCAL ATTENTION RE TROUBLESOME EVENTS IN
EQUATORIAL GUINEA
HAD SHIFTED IN PAST TWO WEEKS TO EFFORTS OF FMG
TO RESETTLE NIGERIAN RETURNEES. PROSPECTS OF HAVING TO SUCMOR#
NATIVE EQUATORIAL GUINEANS AND NEWS THAT NIGERIANS ARE LAUGUISHING IN
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EG PRISONS BRINGS BI-LATERAL RELATIONS TO OPEN
BOIL AGAIN.
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